

BEFORE
THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF
SOUTH CAROLINA
DOCKET NO. 2007-400-C - ORDER NO. 2010-805
DECEMBER 10, 2010

IN RE: Rulemaking Regarding Prepaid) ORDER
Telecommunications Local Services) PROMULGATING
) REGULATION ON
) SECURITY FOR
) PROVIDERS OF LOCAL
) EXCHANGE SERVICE

This matter comes before the Public Service Commission of South Carolina (“Commission”) for consideration of promulgation of a regulation expanding security requirements from prepaid local exchange service providers to all local exchange providers who have not invested at least five million dollars in telecommunications facilities in the State of South Carolina. In the July 2010 issue of the State Register, the proposed regulation, a Statement of Need and Reasonableness for the regulation, and a Preliminary Fiscal Impact Statement were published. This Commission also published a Notice of Public Hearing, which stated that the Commission scheduled a hearing for October 26, 2010 at 10:30 AM to take place in the Commission’s Hearing Room.

A hearing was held on October 26, 2010, at 10:30 AM in the Commission’s Hearing Room, with the Honorable John E. Howard, Chairman, presiding. All jurisdictional documents were submitted into the record as a hearing exhibit, which was admitted into evidence.

Jocelyn Boyd, Chief Clerk and Administrator, outlined the proposed regulation. The modified regulation would expand the application of the present regulation from providers of prepaid local telephone service to all telephone utilities who provide retail residential local exchange services, but who have not invested at least five million dollars in telecommunications facilities in the State of South Carolina. The proposed amendments also delete references to advance payments and prepaid payments and require bonds or other security mechanisms to be filed with the Commission and a copy provided to the Office of Regulatory Staff.

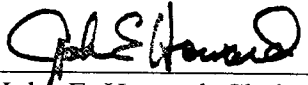
The Commission has considered this matter and finds that these proposed changes as stated above are reasonable. Based on the record as a whole, the Commission finds that the requisite need and reasonableness have been met, and that the regulation should be promulgated.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED THAT:

1. The proposed security for providers of local exchange services regulation is promulgated.
2. The regulation shall be submitted to the General Assembly for review pursuant to State law.

3. This Order shall remain in full force and effect until further Order of the Commission.

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:



John E. Howard, Chairman

ATTEST:



David A. Wright, Vice-Chairman

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